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**Amendments to the Specification:**

On page 2, please replace the third full paragraph with the following amended paragraph.

To achieve the above-mentioned objectives, the rewritable optical information recording medium according to the present invention essentially comprises, from bottom to top, a substrate, lower dielectric layers laminated on said substrate, a recording layer, a first upper dielectric layer, a second upper dielectric layer and a reflective layer, wherein the recording layer comprises the following composition:



wherein A is gold or silver, B is Sb or Bi, C is Te or Se, and M is an element selected from the group consisting of Ti, Zr, Hf, V, Nb, Ta, Mg, W, Mo, B, N, C, P and Si;  $0 < a < 13.0$ ,  $10 < b < 87.0$ ,  $8.0 < c [[< 60]] \leq 60$ ,  $0 < d < 30.0$ ,  $0 [[< e \leq 8]] \leq e < 8$ ,  $a+b+c+d+e = 100$  atom %; and the thickness of the reflective layer is larger than 1500Å.

On page 3, please replace the last full paragraph beginning with "The recording..." with the following amended paragraph.

The recording layer 2 comprises following composition (expressed by atom percentage):



wherein A is gold or silver, B is Sb or Bi, C is Te or Se, and M is an element selected from the group consisting of Ti, Zr, Hf, V, Nb, Ta, Mg, W, Mo, B, C, N, P and Si;  $0 < a < 13.0$ ;  $10 < b < 87.0$ ;  $8.0 < c [[< 60]] \leq 60$ ;  $0 < d < 30.0$ ;  $0 [[< e < 8]] \leq e \leq 8$ ; and  $a+b+c+d+e = 100$  atom %.